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Spotlight:

Governor Signs Executive Order for State Facilities to Go Tobacco Free

Effective Nov. 20

Citing Kentucky's continued worst state ranking in smoking and cancer deaths, Governor Steve Beshear announced today that all executive branch state property campuses will be tobacco-free effective November 20 – the day of the Great American Smokeout.

That means no cigarettes, tobacco products or e-cigarettes may be used in state-owned or leased buildings, in state-owned vehicles or on state property (including parking lots, sidewalks, and green space) owned by state government. Tobacco users will have to leave the property to smoke or use other tobacco products.

The policy impacts 2,888 state-owned buildings – making more than 26.4 million square feet newly tobacco-free. The Commonwealth also leases space in 568 other structures, and the Finance Cabinet will work with those landlords to post signs indicating the tobacco-free zones.

Kentucky is the fifth state to institute such a policy. State government is the largest single employer in Kentucky, and the tobacco-free rule will affect approximately 33,000 people, as well as hundreds of thousands of visitors to these state offices and properties.

A primary goal of Governor Beshear's kyhealthnow initiative is to reduce smoking rates by 10 percent by 2019.

"Tobacco products have a deadly grip on thousands of Kentuckians. Smoking and tobacco use are the single-biggest causes of preventable illness and death in our state," said Gov. Beshear. "This policy will protect non-smokers from the effects of secondhand smoke, and encourage tobacco users to seek help in quitting."

More than 5,000 executive branch state workers report that they use

Financial Aid Tip of the Month, September 2014

Student financial aid comes in many forms



High school seniors and their parents beginning the college financial aid process will find there are many types of aid available. This list from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) provides short descriptions of the most common types.

Conversion scholarship/loan. This type of financial aid requires recipients to provide certain services or pay back the funds with interest. An example would be the KHEAA Teacher Scholarship.

Grant. Grants are usually based on financial need and generally don't have to be repaid. These include the Federal Pell Grant.

Institutional aid. This term refers to the scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs provided by the college.

Scholarship. A scholarship, like a grant, usually doesn't have to be repaid. Scholarships are usually based on grades, athletic ability, artistic ability or criteria other than need.

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THIS FACILITY IS TOBACCO-FREE

Effective November 20, 2014

Use of **ALL** tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited at this facility, both inside and outside. This includes buildings, parking lots and grounds.



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For more information, go to <http://tobacco-free.ky.gov>



Temporary sign that will be posted in state government facilities beginning today.

tobacco, and their health care costs average 20 percent higher than those who do not report tobacco use.

Currently, all executive branch buildings are smoke-free inside. The executive order transitions that policy to tobacco-free, which includes smokeless tobacco

products such as dip, snuff, and chew as well as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes). Although e-cigarettes do not contain tobacco, many contain nicotine. Vapor produced from these devices can release nicotine, chemicals and other tobacco related contaminants, which can adversely impact bystanders.

Temporary signs advising the new tobacco-free standard will be posted today on the entrances of all executive branch buildings. State workers and visitors to these facilities have more than two months to prepare for implementation of the policy. Permanent stickers will be placed on all doors on November 20, which is the day the policy takes effect. Permanent signs will also be placed in the driveways leading into major campuses of executive branch buildings declaring the campus tobacco-free.

More information about the policy, as well as links to tools to stop tobacco use, is available at <http://tobacco-free.ky.gov>.



PERSONNEL MOVES

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Dewey Blevins was appointed as division director, Division of Surplus Properties, Department of Facilities and Support Services (DFSS). This position, formerly occupied by **Ron Claxton** who resigned in May 2014, is responsible for the management and disposition of all state property items that are no longer needed or useful to state government and for disposition of federal surplus property to state and local government agencies and other public entities meeting the federal eligibility requirements. Dewey was previously division director of the Division of Mechanical Maintenance, DFSS.

Donna Duncan has been appointed executive director, Office of Policy and Audit within the Office of the Secretary. This position, formerly occupied by **Greg Haskamp** who resigned in August, is responsible for overall management of the cabinet's policy and internal audit functions and oversight of compliance and performance audit programs established to assure economical and efficient operations of state government programs. Donna has an extensive background in financial management including positions as director within the Comptroller of the Currency, United States Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.; commissioner within the Kentucky Department for Economic Development; and managing director/CAO/CFO for the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

Nancy Haggerty is division director, Division of Budget and Planning, Office of Administrative Services, Office of the Secretary. She replaces **Larry Hacker**, who recently retired. Nancy is responsible for preparing the cabinet's biennial and management budgets and staff who analyze budget trends and project future revenues and expenditures. Prior to her appointment, Nancy was a division budget analyst.

Butch Jacobs is now division director, Division of Building Services, Office of Building and Mechanical Services, Department of Facilities and Support Services (DFSS). He takes over for **Jerry Lunsford**, who resigned in April 2014. As division director Butch will oversee general maintenance regarding sanitation, minor construction, minor renovation, landscape/grounds maintenance and various contracts such as window washing, snow removal, and janitorial for Finance owned/operated facilities within the Commonwealth. Prior to this position, he occupied the position of construction superintendent within DFSS.

David Kincaid was appointed division director, Division of IT Operations, Office of Infrastructure Services, Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT). He takes over this position from **Brett McDonald** who retired August 2013. David's responsibilities include planning and directing division activities to ensure that customer request deadlines and requirements are met through effective use of organizational structures, project management techniques, staff resources and productivity tools and methods. David was formerly an information systems manager for COT.

Ed Middleton has taken over as division director, Division of Mechanical Maintenance, Office of Building and Mechanical Services, DFSS. This position, formerly occupied by **Dewey Blevins**, is responsible for managing three branches and will oversee maintenance involving HVAC, plumbing, electrical equipment, and building security systems for Finance owned/operated facilities within the Commonwealth. Ed was formerly assigned as branch manager of the Electronic Security Branch, DFSS.

Terry Stephens has retired from the position of executive director, Office of Infrastructure Services, COT, following nearly 28 years of service.

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Student loan. Loans have to be repaid. The most common is the Federal Stafford Loan, sometimes referred to as a Federal Direct Loan.

Waiver. A waiver lets a student attend college without having to pay tuition and certain fees. For example, Kentucky public colleges and universities provide waivers to state residents 65 or older.

Work-study. These programs let students work on or off campus to earn money for college. Examples include Federal Work-Study and KHEAA Work-Study.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.



Blood Drive Sept. 5

The Kentucky Safety Program and the Personnel Cabinet are sponsoring the American Red Cross blood drive on **Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** in the auditorium of the Kentucky State Office Building. Appointments to donate may be scheduled on the American Red

Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code for this drive is 0245636. Check with human resources for details.



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Forms are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 12. Ask your agency coordinator for details.